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1. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE PRESIDENTIAL GREETINGS TO THOSE ATTENDING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND 11TH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS (WFB) MEETING IN BANGKOK FEBRUARY 20.

2. PROVIDED YOU HAVE NO OBJECTION (WE WILL HAVE TO KNOW BY 1200 EST FEB 19) WE PLAN TO RECOMMEND TO THE WHITE HOUSE THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE COMMUNICATED TO THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE WFB CONFERENCE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

"IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO SEND MY PERSONAL GREETINGS ON THE OCCASION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS. BUDDHISM HAS PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE CULTURAL, SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION AND LEADERSHIP TO BUDDHISTS EVERYWHERE." INGERSOLL

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